



**Families and Children's Services Committee  
Presentation on W. J. Maxey Boys Training School**

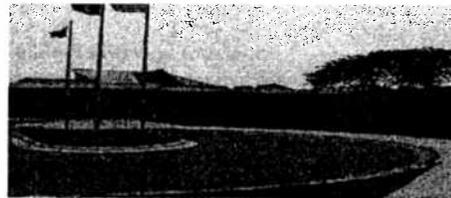
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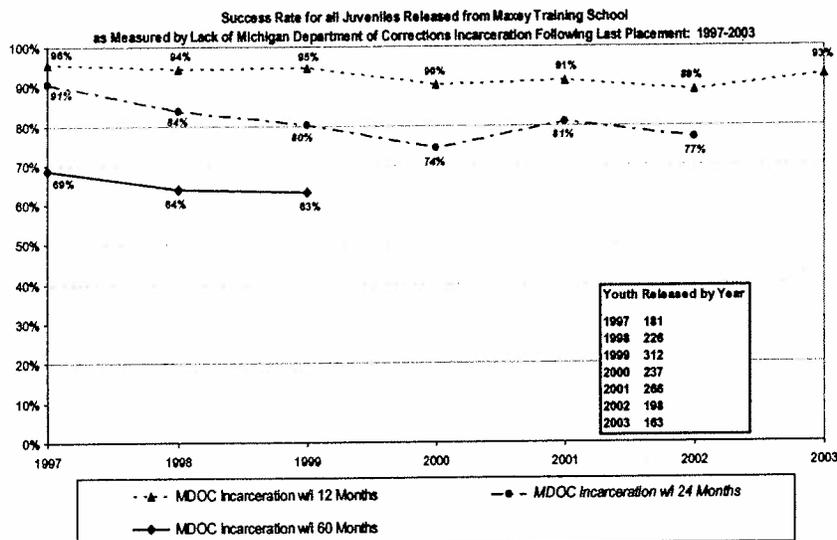
## **Maxey Youth Population**



- W. J. Maxey Boys Training School is located in Whitmore Lake, Michigan
- The Training School provides a safe and secure environment for the therapeutic treatment of male juvenile offenders between the ages of 12 and 21.
- The Training School has a capacity of 150 beds.

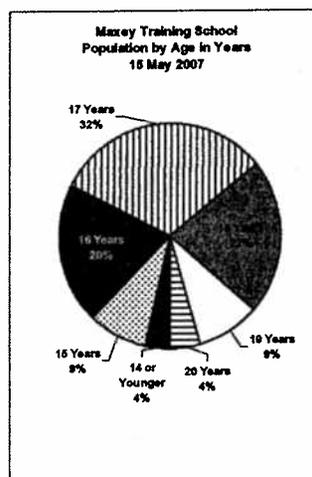
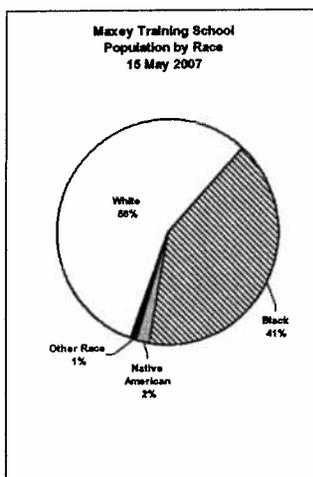
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## Maxey Recidivism Data

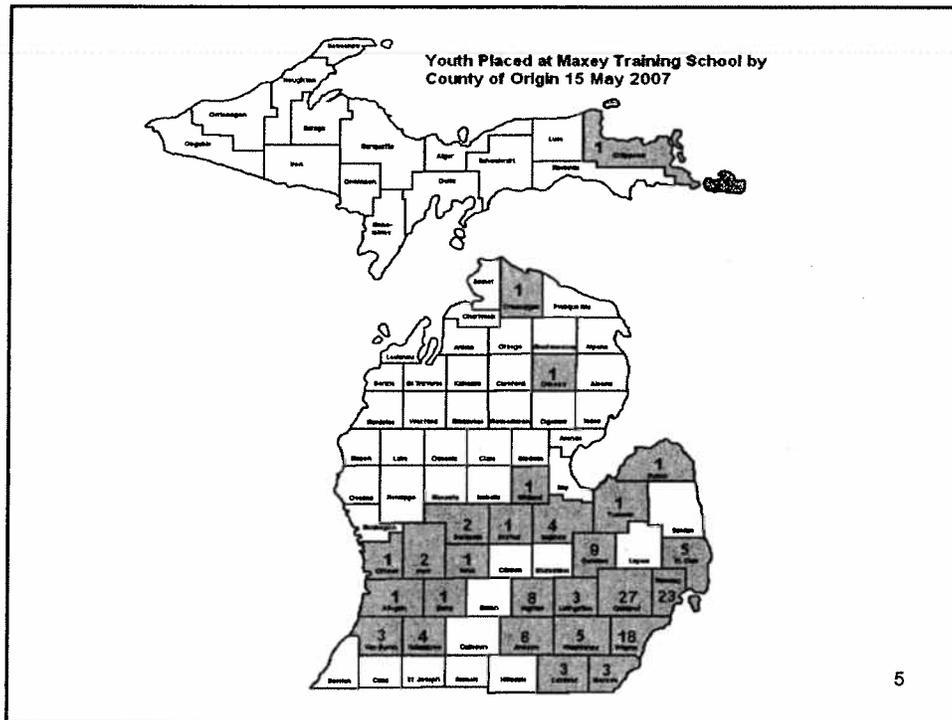


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## Maxey Demographics



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## Educational Programs and Services

- North Central Association  
(Commission on  
accredited/school  
improvement)
- Full continuum of special  
education services  
including self-contained  
classroom, resource  
rooms and teacher  
consultants.
- Individualized educational  
plan for each student.



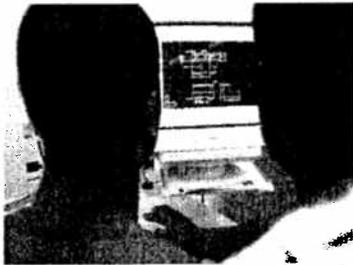
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## Vocational Programs



### Vocational training programs

- building trades,
- graphic arts,
- culinary arts,
- technology,
- cosmetology.



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## Support Services



- School social workers
- Remedial reading labs
- Math labs
- Language and speech services.



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## Education Improvements

33 Youth Attained GED in 2006,  
increase of 3 youth from 2005

34 Youth Earned a High School  
Diploma, an increase of 14 youth  
from 2005

49 Youth Are Enrolled in College  
Courses, an increase of 24 youth  
from 2005

In June 2007 graduation expects to  
award 11 high school diplomas and 15  
GEDs.



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## Therapy / Counseling Programs



- Each living unit has assigned social workers who provide individual, group and family counseling.
- Psychologists are available for psychotherapy, evaluations, and specialty groups.
- Psychiatrists provide medication review and oversee the development of clinical treatment plans. They also conduct individual therapy.
- Substance Abuse Counselors provide education, and both individual and group counseling.

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## Mental Health Services

- Enhanced mental health services to meet the needs of youth with previously unrecognized and untreated mental health diagnoses.
  - 53% of youth are on psychotropic medication
  - 42 youth transferred or escalated from private to public
    - 11 escalated due to mental health issues resulting in behavioral problems
- Mental Health Unit Developed
- Some Mental Health Diagnosis:
  - Mental Retardation
  - Developmental Disabilities
  - Thought Disorders
  - Emotional/mood disorders
  - Post traumatic symptomatology

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## Rehabilitation Programs

- **Chronic/Violent Offender programs**
  - Builds decision-making skills, values clarification, anger management skills, social living skills and improved relationship skills.
- **Sex Offender treatment**
  - Is a treatment therapy designed in cooperation with the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Youth are treated for their own neglect or abuse issues and then learn to recognize behavior cycles, develop interventions and relapse prevention plans and build relationship skills including healthy sexuality.
- **Behavioral Health treatment**
  - Involves psychiatric assessment, the use of psychotropic meds as necessary and targeting behavior-development to improve living and relationship skills and managing anger. When stabilized, youth are exposed to rehabilitative services as identified above.

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## Follow-ups After Dismissal

- Maxey in coordination with the Community Juvenile Justice Specialists develops a realistic reintegration plan.
- Involves family or a transitional Community Justice Center.
- Resources are identified and continued education or vocational training is stressed.



